

Jungle Trees

Far away was a huge jungle with thousands of trees. Two of these trees stood side by side and were great friends. The same jungle was also home to many lions. The lions killed other animals for food. What they didn't eat would be left rotting and it would stink up the entire jungle.

One day, the two trees were talking. The first tree said, "These lions are polluting our jungle. We have to save our jungle by driving them out."

"Yes," agreed the other tree.

But a wise old tree who was listening to the friends said, "They might be polluting the air. But the lions are keeping us safe from woodcutters. No woodcutter dares to enter a forest which has lions."

But the two trees did not listen. Instead, the two friends decided to frighten the animals away. "They will be so terrified they will leave this jungle and never come back," they said. Hearing the two trees the whole forest echoed with approval.

And so they began moving their branches in the wind and making eerie noises. All the wild animals became afraid. "There is something happening in the forest. Everyone, we must run away now," they shouted. And so every animal, including the lions, quickly fled the jungle. In a short time all the animals were gone.

The two friends were delighted. "Huh! Now we can enjoy some fresh air," they said.

But their joy was short-lived. As the old tree had warned, a woodcutter came one day and started felling the trees. "Now there are no lions to fear, they are all gone," he muttered to himself. Soon other wood cutters came too. Seeing this, the wise tree said, "Now all of us will be doomed." The two friends cried out, "How foolish we have been. We should have listened to the wise old tree!"

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- What word best describes the two trees in the passage?
 - Enemies
 - Old
 - Twigs
 - Buddies**
- What animal is mentioned in the passage?
 - Tiger
 - Lion**
 - Monkey
 - Giraffe
- What does it mean when the old tree is described in the passage as “wise”?
 - Having experience**
 - A genius
 - A joker
 - One who is careful
- The old tree thought of the woodcutters as what?
 - Helpful to trees
 - Campers who liked trees
 - A threat to trees**
 - Conservationists
- What is the moral of the story?
 - Make your own decisions
 - It is always okay in the end
 - Mistakes can be corrected
 - We depend on others for survival**